The House then adjourned at twenty-one minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled at two of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999-withdrawal ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री प्रकाश जावडेकर (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति, महोदय एक मुद्दा रह गया ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please, please.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU : No, no. No Bill Sir...*(Interruptions)* He has to place some papers on the Table. Then, further ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No, no. This is only withdrawal of the Bill.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU : We are against it...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : What do you want...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU : Sir, we are against the Bill also...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No, no. You are against the Bill...*(Interruptions)*... Your issue was discussed and the Hon. Minister has made the statement. An opportunity has been given to you. What else do you require? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU : We want to know...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That is your point of view...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU : Sir, we want to know ...*(Interruptions)*... इंडियन पार्लियामेंट के पास रिपोर्ट नहीं है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Sir, the NDTV says that they have a copy of the report...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Statement to be made by the hon. Minister. Shri Farooq Abdullah...*(Interruptions)*...

Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission-"Solar India"

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH) : Sir, I lay a copy of the statement on the Table of the House...*(Interruptions)*...

I am happy to announce that the Government has approved a new policy on development of solar energy in the country with the launching of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission. This is a historic and transformational initiative of the UPA Government, and, I am proud to have the privilege of being assigned the task of overseeing its implementation. The Solar Mission is very much in line with the vision of modern India of Pandit Nehru, which has made India today, a leading nuclear and space power.

This Mission is one of the eight key National Missions which comprise India's National Action Plan on Climate Change. It has a twin objective--to contribute to India's long-term energy security as well

as its ecological security. We are living in a world of rapidly depleting fossil fuel resources; and access to conventional energy resources, such as oil, gas and coal, is becoming increasingly constrained. The rapid development and deployment of renewable energy is imperative in this context and in view of high solar radiation over the country, solar energy provides a long-term sustainable solution.

The Solar Mission recommends the implementation in three stages leading up to an installed capacity 20,000 MW by the end of the 13th Five Year Plan in 2022. It is envisaged that as a result of rapid scale up as well as technological developments, the price of solar power will attain partity with grid power at the end of Mission, enabling accelerated and large-scale expansion thereafter. During this time, we expect many new ideas to emerge and technologies to become more efficient. Quite obviously, in order to set the stage for achieving this ambitious target, what we do in the next three to four years will be critical. Therefore, the Cabinet has approved setting up of 1,100 MW of grid solar power and 200 MW capacity of off-grid solar applications utilizing both solar thermal and photovoltaic technologies in the first phase of the Mission. In addition, the Mission will also focus on R & D and HRD to develop and strengthen India skill and enhance indigenous content to make the Mission sustainable.

Mission will establish a single window investor-friendly mechanism, which reduces risk and at the same time, provides an attractive, predictable and sufficiently extended tariff for the purchase of solar power for the grid. The focal point, for the next three years, will be the NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), which is the power trading arm of the NTPC. The Government will designate it for the purchase of solar power generated by independent solar power producers, at rates fixed by the Central Electricity Reglatory Commission and for a period specified by the later. The Government will provide equivalent MW of power from the unallocated quota of NTPC for bundling with solar power. The utilities will be able to account for purchase of solar power against their RPO obligations.

I wish to record my deep appreciation and grateful thans to my senior collegeus, Shinde *saheb,* who as Minister of Power, has made this arrangement possible and has possible and has supported this Mission at every stage of its evolution.

The Mission also includes a major initiative for promoting rooftop solar PV applicatons. Solar tariff announced by the regulators will be applicable for such installations. The power distribution companies will be involved in purchase of this power.

There are several off-grid solar applications which are already commercially viable or near viability, where rapid scale up is possible. This requires regulatory and incentive measures as well as an awareness campaign. Solar thermal heating applications such as water heaters fall in this category. Solar lighting systems for rural and remote areas as are already being distributed commmercially in several parts of the country. This is expected to help our rural masses.

The Mission will have a very focussed R & D proramme which seeks to address the India-specific challenges in promoting solar energy. We have to pool available resources, both human and financial, to strengthen the existing scientific infrastructure in the country. We would involve various stakeholders in human resource development and other capacity building efforts. The Mission will also accelerate the process of development of domestic industry in this sector.

I seek cooperation of the Members of the House to make Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission a success, which will help establish India as one of the global leaders in Solar Energy....*(Interruptions)*.

Clarifying the issue of leakage of the Liberhan Commission Report in the Media and Press-*Contd.*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka) : This is not the way...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN : Sir, the Government has already...*(Interruptions)*... It is not right...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, the Bill for withdrwal...*(Interruptions)*... आप इस पर बोलना चाहते हैं...(व्यवधान)... आप जाइए प्लीज़ ...(**व्यवधान**)... The notice was discussed. The Minister has made a statement....*(Interruptions)*... आप अपनी सीट पर जाइए...(व्यवधान)... आपको जो बात कहनी है, वहां से कहिए न ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एम वेंकैया नायडु : ऐसे में हाउस चलाना अच्छा भी नहीं है।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया : सवेरे अखबार में आ गया।...(व्यवधान)... एनडीटीवी कह रहा है कि कॉपी उसके पास है, लेकिन सदन में कॉपी नहीं है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री उपसभापति : पाणि जी, आप अपनी सीट पर वापस जाइए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... मैं कह रहा हूं कि आप अपनी सीट पर जाइए न ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया : यह सदन की अवहेलना नहीं है, तो क्या है. गृह मंत्री यह बताएं कि उनके पास कॉपी कैसे उपलब्ध है, उनके पास कॉपी कहां से आई ...(**व्यवधान**)...

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA (Rajasthan) : Sir, this is not ...*(Interruptions)*....You cannot do the business...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया : सर, इनके पास कॉपी कहां से आई...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति : सरकार ने जवाब दे दिया, अब इससे ज्यादा क्या कर सकते हैं, आप बताइए ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एम. वेंकैया नायडू : हमारी कॉपी कहां है? ...(**व्यवधान**)... ऐसे में सदन चलाना अच्छा नहीं है ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री उपसभापति : पाणि जी, आप अपनी सीट से बोलिए, यहां से रेकार्ड में नहीं जाएगा...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU : Sir, to add the problem, just now, one of the television channels has said that they have a copy of the Report. Earlier, a newspaper said so. I want the Members of